1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24.	Tamil Nadu	10598.81	11118.91	11746.47	1140.04	—
25.	Tripura	515.33	584.66	634.37	74.68	—
26.	Uttaranchal	0.00	0.00	1661.91	214.83	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	28702.29	30526.27	30412.98	3120.45	256.00
28.	West Bengal	21304.64	22195.38	22809.40	1303.71	200.00
	TOTAL:	194668.72	205960.26	212176.73	17023.78	2422.00

NOTE: Amount of Interest outstanding against each State as on 31st March, 1999, 31st March, 2000 and 31st March, 2001 may please be treated as Nil.

SEBI's investigation into security scam

100. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SEBI investigations into the recent securities scam, with Ketan Parikh's 'K-10' as the main players revealed serious rigging of the market in selected scrips; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings; and the action taken to recover the ill-gotten money and to meet out justice to the common investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Emergency financial powers to Government

101. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to assume emergency financial powers to increase excise and customs duties irrespective of any legal limitations;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) the details of the increases in duties affected under these emergency powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Vide* Central Excise Tariff Amendment Ordinance, 2002, Section 3 of the Central Excise Tariff Act was amended, so as to enable the Government to increase the duty by more than twice the existing rate, only in cases where the existing rate is not nil. Where the existing rate is nil, there is no change in the emergency powers.

(c) By invocation of the amended powers, with effect from 12th January, 2002, Government increased the rates of excise duty on motor spirit (commonly known as petrol) from 32% *ad valorem* to 90% *ad valorem* and on high speed diesel from 16% *ad valorem* to 20%.

Bank scam in Gujarat

102. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Major Bank Scam unearthed in Gujarat" which appeared in the "The Hindustan Times" dated the 8th January, 2002; and

(b) in what manner Government are going to protect the interests of depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item appeared in the 'The Hindustan Times' dated 8th January, 2002 made a reference to two urban co-operative banks *viz.* The Charotar Nagrik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Anand (CNSB) and The General Cooperative Bank Ltd., (GCBL), Ahmedabad. The CNSB faced rush for withdrawal of deposits by its depositors. The unsustainable and indiscriminate lending by the Board of the bank aggravated the position further and led to an over extended credit portfolio and high level of non-performing advances. This coupled with poor recovery performance of the bank ultimately led to